Commissioners' Conference Room Vigo County Annex Terre Haute, Indiana

**Roll Call:** 

Present: Chris Switzer, Mike Morris and Brendan Kearns

**Others Present**: County Attorneys Terry Modesitt and Joel Modesitt, Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk, Diana Winsted-Smith, Kevin Gardner, Bill Watson, Kara Wright, Neil Costello, Bruce Allen, Laura Tohill, and Joey Lehman.

## Pledge of Allegiance.

Chris Switzer called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review of Minutes/Claims.** Chief Deputy Auditor Cheryl Loudermilk presented meeting minutes for April 19, 2022, for approval. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Loudermilk then presented the Board with expenditures for the period of April 16, 2022 through April 22, 2022 in the amount of \$469,909.91. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the April 16, 2022 through April 22, 2022 claims in the total amount of \$469,909.91. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Ms. Loudermilk then presented expenditures for the period of April 23, 2022 through April 29, 2022 in the amount of \$2,025,501.30 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,115,277.32 for a total amount of \$3,140,778.62. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the April 23, 2022 through April 29, 2022 claims in the amount of \$2,025,501.30 plus payroll in the amount of \$1,115,277.32 for a total amount of \$3,140,778.62. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

**Fire Department Disconnect – Building Maintenance.** Terry Bays was unable to attend today's meeting so it was suggested that this matter be tabled. Mike Morris made a motion to table this matter. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Scan Mortgage Records from Books to Microfilm – Recorder's Office. Diana Winsted-Smith said that Tuesday, May 10, Josh from U.S. Imaging would be here to discuss a project that the Recorder's Office would like to do. Indexing had been started a while back but had never been finished. Deeds were completed and now they would like to do mortgages. It will be a great asset. They have the money to pay for it but would like the Commissioners' support and maybe some financial support. This is more an informational note until after the meeting with U.S. Imaging. Microfiche documents are now starting to disintegrate. This imaging would allow them to put the information on line so that people could access it that way. Joey Lehman with IT also said that we would own the images in raw data form so that if, down the road, those images would be beneficial to some other department, we would have them readily available. He said that they would like to do this with any department that has paper or film records that disintegrate over time. Cheryl Loudermilk asked if this was the same thing that was done with the deeds and it was acknowledged that it was. She then asked if people would still have to pay to access the information and that was also confirmed. This matter will be taken under advisement until after the meeting with U.S. Imaging next week.

**Letter of Understanding unofficial local detour – Engineering.** Neil Costello said that INDOT will be replacing a culvert on State Road 159 near Blackhawk. In order to get traffic around that, they will need to use All

Street to connect State Road 159 with State Road 246 as an unofficial detour. It is unofficial because All Street is not a state road. Larry Robbins, County Engineer, has no problem with them doing that. This type of thing has been done in the past and any damage done to the road in question will be paid for by the State. This will require execution of a letter of understanding. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve execution of this Letter of Understanding. Mike Morris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Change to Resolution No. 2021-16 – Engineering. Neil Costello explained that it was now INDOT's policy that any time a contract of any sort was signed with a county, in order to streamline the process, they were requiring only the signature of the President of the Commissioners. Resolution 2021-16 had been executed last year by the Commissioners but the wording stated that the "current" president was given the authority to execute documents. INDOT wanted the word "current" removed because they felt that the word "current" locked in the date of signature, possibly creating a problem in the future with that document. They asked that the Resolution be amended by removing the word "current" so it would eliminate any time reference. Brendan Kearns clarified that any document executed was approved by the majority of the Commissioners before execution took place. Brendan Kearns made a motion to approve the amendment to Resolution No. 2021-16. Chris Switzer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed.

Appraisal for Riley Spur. Chris Switzer added this matter to the agenda. He said Commissioners Morris and Kearns have been working with Larry Robbins on appraisals for the Riley Spur. He felt it was important to pass a motion to request appraisals for the Riley Spur so that it will ratify all previous action taken. Brendan Kearns noted that when you have purchases from government for easements or property, you have to have at least two appraisals from a certified appraiser. It was recommended to do this late last fall but the process had been inadvertently skipped, so this will make it proper. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the action. Brendan Kearns seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote of 3-0, the motion unanimously passed. Brendan Kearns also noted that the appraisal was for an easement, not a purchase.

Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials. Mike Morris noted that the ceremony for Art Spaces was scheduled for May 17. Cheryl Loudermilk noted that on May 9 at 4:30, they will be conducting the Law Enforcement Memorial at the new Police Department. They are trying to add the Sheriff's memorial to it so that there can be one large ceremony. This ceremony will kick off Police Week.

**Public Comments.** Chasity Bruner, via live feed comment, said she was glad the school tax was not approved. There were no other public comments.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m.

Chris Switzer, President

Mike Morris, Vice President

Brendan Kearns, Secretary

Attest:

James Bramble, Auditor